

Useful contacts for Overseas Trained Teachers

Teaching Information Line: Tel: 0800 389 2500

General Teaching Council for England: www.gtce.org.uk to register as a qualified teacher.

Information on the UK education system and useful links:

www.education.gov.uk/aboutdfe/advice/f0011031/overseas-trained-teachers

National Association for Academic Recognition Information Centre (Naric)
www.naric.org.uk Phone: 0870 990 4088

Gaining experience of and knowledge about the UK education system

It is unlikely that you will find a permanent job as a teacher without some knowledge of the National Curriculum and the culture of mainstream London schools. Many supply teacher agencies are now requiring UK experience before accepting overseas teachers. A good way of doing this is by volunteering in a school. Newham schools are very accommodating of this, but they will expect punctuality, reliability and may ask for regular attendance. A letter to the head teacher of a Primary school, or the head of department of a Secondary school (For example: if you are a Science teacher, a letter to the head of Science) with a brief CV, requesting some voluntary experience, would be a good place to start. Please do not visit a school without a prior appointment: schools are very busy places, and it is unlikely that you would be able to see the relevant member of staff.

A list of schools can be viewed at:

<http://www.newham.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Schools/SchoolsDirectory/default.htm>

Courses for Overseas Teachers

There are courses that may be of interest to Overseas Trained Teachers at Newham Adult Education. A prospectus can be obtained by phoning

- SE Area Office: East Ham, Beckton and North Woolwich (Beckton Globe, 1 Kingsford Way, London E6 5JQ) Tel: 020 8430 4041
- SW Area Office: Plaistow, Canning Town, Custom House and Silvertown (Eastlea Learning Zone, Exning Road, London E16 4NP) Tel: 020 8257 4070 (from 1st September 020 3373 6508)
- NE Area Office: Manor Park and Green Street (Little Ilford Learning Zone, 1 Rectory Road, London E12 6ET) Tel: 020 8522 5770
- NW Area Office: Forest Gate and Stratford (Forest Gate Learning Zone, 1 Woodford Road, London E7 0DH) Tel: 020 8257 4680
- Empowering Learning (Teacher Training and Recruitment Consultants), Zetland House, 5 - 25 Scrutton Street, London EC2A 4HJ. Phone: 020 7739 1144 www.empowering-learning.com run a programme for Overseas Trained Teachers leading to the opportunity to gain Qualified Teacher Status. There is no charge for their courses.

Some agencies run “colleges” where teachers are required to pay substantial amounts for familiarisation courses. Before paying for a familiarisation course or similar, teachers should investigate whether similar programmes run free of charge or for less by other providers, and whether the course will lead to a qualification/ diploma recognised as valid by the Local Authority.